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Our ref: 12/0665

Dear ,

RE: Total Cost for the Feed-in Tariffs Challenge

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 26 March 2012 from and as set out below.

Your request stated:

It is refreshing to read from your department's website that the DE&CC is committed to being open and transparent.

I have read of the Supreme Court's ruling on Friday in connection with your department's attempt to reduce pv-solar Feed-In tariffs without sufficient notice.

I believe I am right in saying that three successive legal rulings (High Court, Appeal Court, Supreme Court) have found against you. Please will you advise me what was the total cost to your department of mounting the defence of these three cases?

We have now completed searching for the information you requested.

The Department incurred total legal cost in respect of its own legal fees of approximately £83,870 in defending the proposal for new lower tariffs to apply to solar PV installations with an eligibility date of 12 December 2011 when changes are made in April 2012.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of

receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the DECC Information Rights Unit (foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk)

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

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